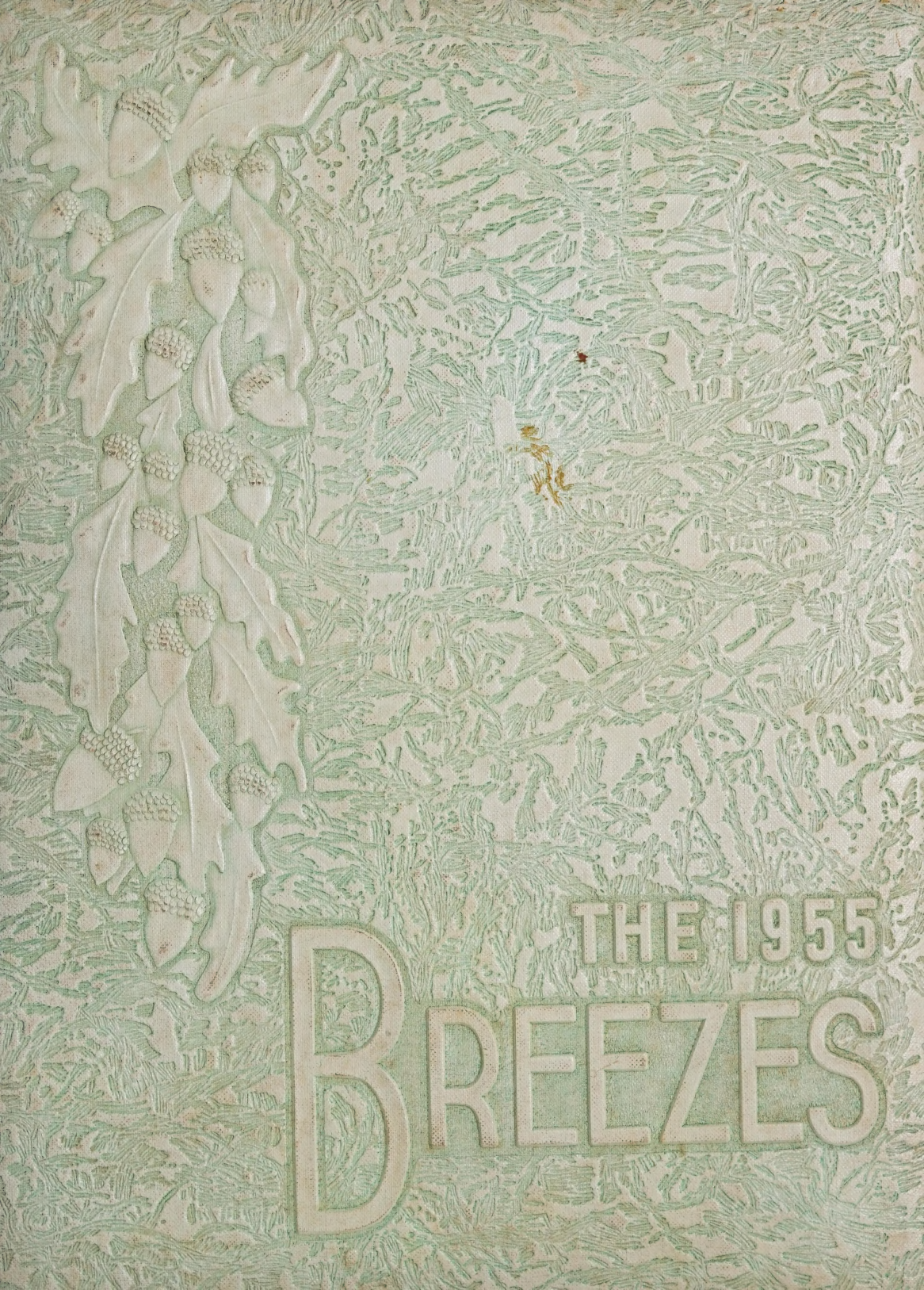
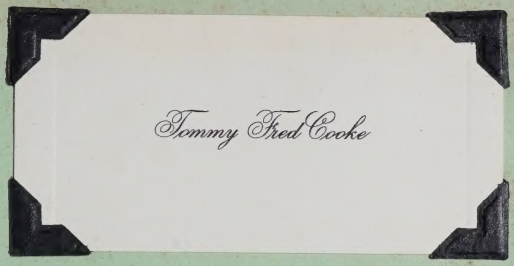

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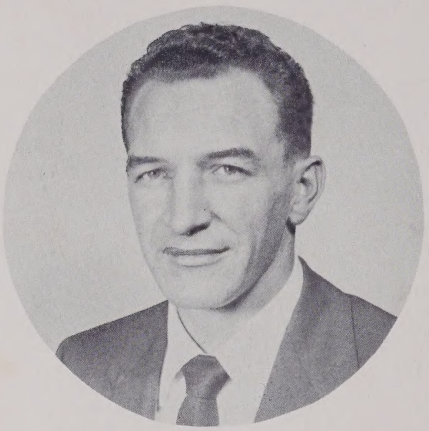
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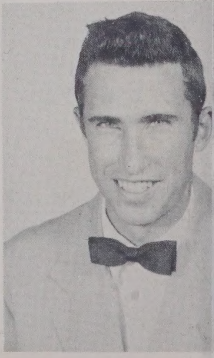


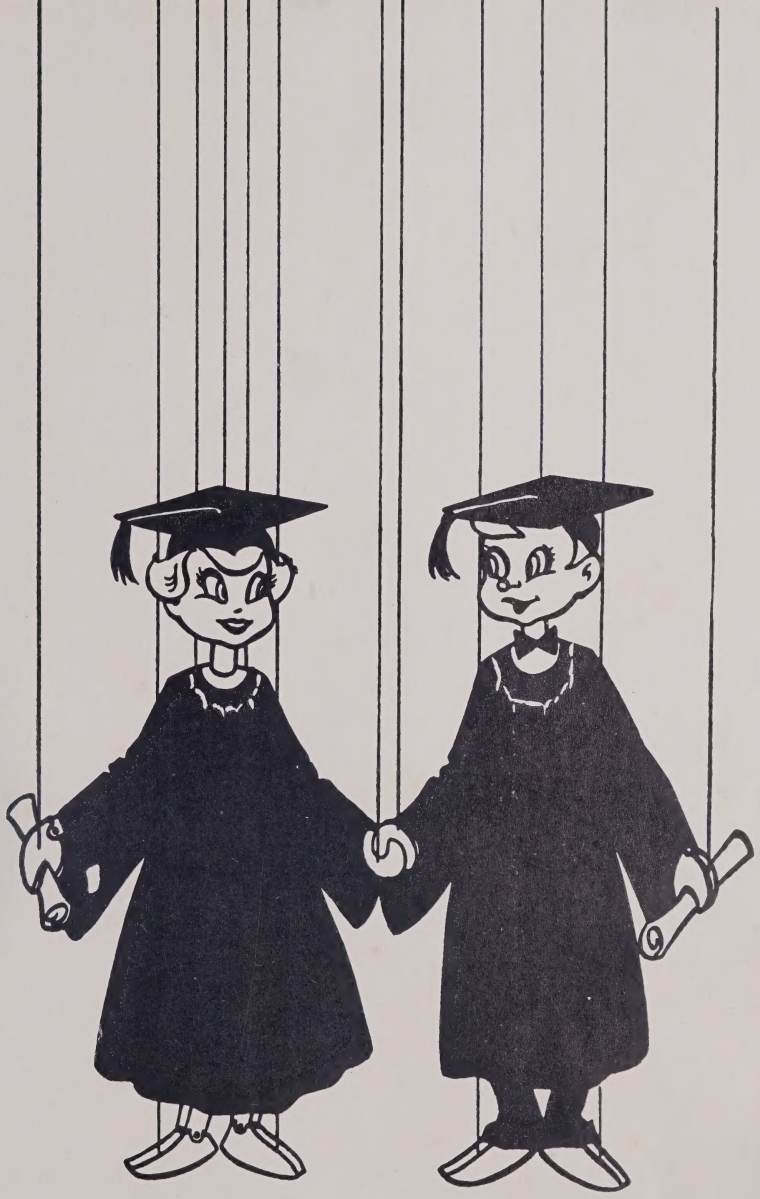




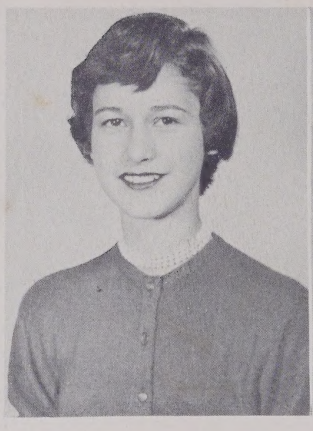




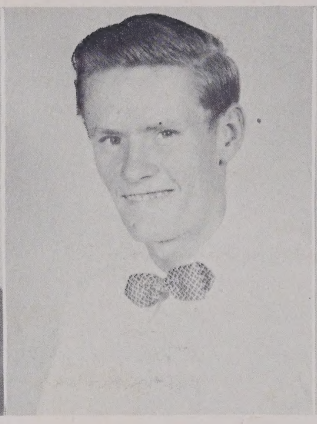




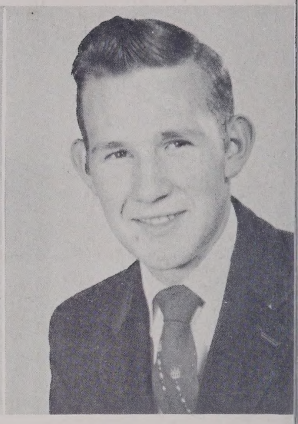
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"Shorty"
Home Economics 1,2; Glee Club Annual Staff Associate Editor and Editor 3,4; Marshal 3; Monogram Club 4; Senior Superlative 4; Class Officer 2,3,4; Basketball 2,3,4.



JAMES EDWIN DAYE
"Ed"
Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 2, 3,4; Senior Superlative.



TED WAYNE DOTSON
"Portly"
Class Officer 1,2; Glee Club 1, 2; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Annual Staff 4; Monogram 4; Senior Superlative; Marshal 3.



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SENIORS

DOIL MELVIN FORD
"Dribbles"
Basketball 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2; Baseball 2,4; Bus Driver 2,3,4.

BETTY MAE FOSTER
"Angel"
Basketball 1; Glee Club 1,2; Home Economics 1,2; 4-H Club 1.

MARY CAROLINE GREENE
"Carrie"
Class Officer 1,2, President 3; Glee Club 1,2; Home Economics 1,2; Class Historian; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Marshal 2, Chief 3; Monogram Club 4; Senior Superlative.

CAROLYN HARTLEY
"Peg"
Glee Club 1,2; Library 1; Home Economics 1,2; 4-H Club 1.



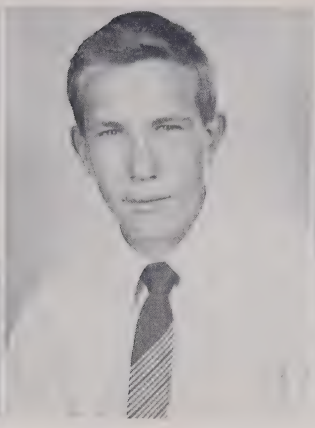




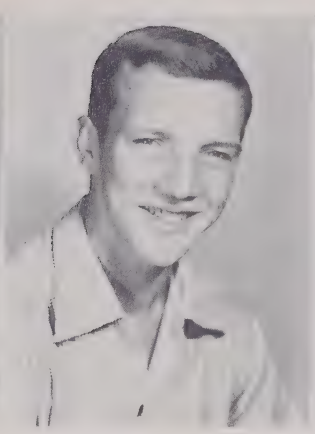




ROGER ELLIOTT HARTLEY
"Fuller"
Class Officer 1,2,3,4; Class President 2,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Class Superlative 4; Annual Staff 3,4; Business Manager 4.



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Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Monogram Club 4; Senior Superlative 4; 4-H Club 1.



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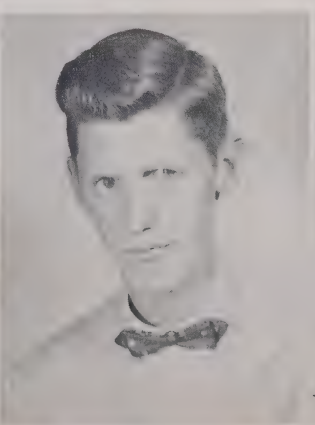
SHIRLEY MAE HOLLARS
"Shirl"
Home Economics 2; Glee Club 1; Senior Superlative.

OF 1955

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"Annie Pearl"
Class Officer 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2; Home Economics 1,2; Monogram Club 4; Basketball 2,3,4; Senior Superlative; Class Prophet.



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"Gape"
Class Officer 1,3,4; 4-H Club 1; Bus Driver 3,4; Basketball 1,2; Monogram Club 4.



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"Sticker"
Basketball 1,2,3,4; Home Economics 1,2; Glee Club 1,2; Senior Superlative; Monogram Club 4; 4-H Club 1; Library 1,2.



BARBARA ANN WHITE
"Bobbie"
Basketball 2; Glee Club 1,2
Home Economics 1,2.



SENIOR CLASS PROPHECY

Ten years have passed since our class of 1955 graduated from Blowing Rock High School, and last week at our class reunion at Blowing Rock all of us had a lot of catching up to do. The first thing most of us talked about is the change in our Alma Mater. All the old school buildings have been torn down and replaced by completely new and modern ones, and Roger Hartley is now the proud principal. I found that Evelyn Craig is still jerking sodas at Harris' Drug Store, and trying to catch all the good-looking boys, but Caroline Greene has left Harris' and is now spending most of her time sitting on the steps of radio station WATA in Boone singing "Our First Affair." Earl Holder and Edwin Daye tell me that they are now great rivals in the field of baseball, Earl playing for the Boston Red Sox and Ed for the Brooklyn Dodgers in the World Series this year. Coleen Triplett is now the wife of a professor at Draughn's Business College but being married doesn't keep her from making eyes at the referees at the college basketball games. Ted Dotson is living in Aho now and he's been having trouble with his in-laws. It seems that they all have different views about how Ted, Jr. should be brought up. Carolyn Hartley is still going with her boy friend, Shorty, but she just won't say yes. Barbara White tells me she is still baby-sitting, but with her own six children (two sets of tripletts) now instead of with someone else's. After seeing Doyle Ford last week, I think he is still living up to his reputation of best dressed man in Blackberry and is now driving a cadillac around in "them thar hills." Betty Foster is still getting threatening letters from a certain girl about Eddie in Lenior. Better watch out, Betty, she might do something drastic! Shirley Hollars says she has been trying her best to stow away on a ship to Japan because that's the only way she will ever get to see Ralph again. But somehow she always gets caught. Wade Hollars is really living it up these days. A rich uncle he never knew he had died and left him a sizable legacy and Wade is having the time of his life. Two members of our class, Bill Moody and Mayne Coffey, couldn't attend our class reunion, but they had written letters to several members of the class explaining their absence. Mayne is now navigator of one of the largest ships in the American Steamship Line and was on his way to South America at the time. Bill now owns a large cattle ranch in Texas and since he is chief veterinarian for the ranches located in his area, he couldn't spare the time to come all the way to Blowing Rock. Incidentally, oil was discovered on his land recently and he is quite excited about that. Well, I must be going home to Kentucky now. Joe, Jr. will be giving his daddy a pretty hard time!

SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

This is a story of a marvelous class--the most wonderful class that ever happened at old Blowing Rock, namely the class of 1955. Its life continued but four short years, yet every day of those four years was crowded with events. When we, the members of this remarkable class, have all achieved the fame and honors that are bound to come to us, the memories of these four years will linger in the hearts of each and every one.

But I must get back to the beginning of my story. It was in September, 1951, A.D., that this brilliant group of boys and girls first made their triumphal appearance in the halls and on the campus of Blowing Rock High, and from that day until the day of graduation there was more intellectuality in the atmosphere of that institution than was ever known before or probably will ever be known again.

We had varied characteristics and peculiarities, so it will not be difficult for you to guess that there were heroes and heroines in the basketball and baseball games during the freshman year and the years that followed.

With the coming of the next September, we received a new name. Because of our skill in acquiring the customs of the school, we were renamed Sophomores, and the process was called by a native name, "promotion". Since several of the members decided to follow other courses rather than continuing their education, our enrollment decreased.

In the third year, owing to an old educational custom, we became Juniors, and our promotion made our sense of importance increase our of all due proportion. This was a year of hard work as well as fun. The whole class along with the help and patience of Mrs. Irene Davis, our sponsor, worked hard to raise money for the Junior-Senior banquet which was indeed the high-light of the year.

At last came the senior year with all its dignity and importance and its great feeling of superiority over all the other classes. One of our most impressive events of the year was the senior play, "Your Face Is Familiar" which was a hilarous 3-act comedy. Then came the thoughts and preparations for graduation--the selection of the motto, the class flower, the class colors, the speeches, the caps and gowns, and all that enters into commencement.

Soon we will all be separated and each will go his own way. Whether it be higher education, a job, or marriage, if each just remembers our class motto "If God Be With Us Who Can Be Against Us", The class will go far.

"Class of 1955"

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the members of the Senior Class of Blowing Rock High School, County of Watauga, State of North Carolina, in the year of our Lord 1955, being of sound mind, body, and what have you, and having no hard feelings toward the faculty, do hereby make and declare this to be our Last Will and Testament:

To Mr. Storie, we bestow the responsibility of supervising Blowing Rock High School without our inspiring and able assistance.

To the Junior Class, we bequeath our outstanding dignity, our good behavior and quiet manners and all supposed privileges of the Senior Class.

I, Betty Foster, do hereby will my ability to get to school on time and to get out of the Senior play to Ruby Hodges.

I, Coleen Triplett, do hereby will my position on the basketball team and my ability to flirt with the refrees to Mary Keller.

I, Shirley Hollars, do hereby will my title "Most Dignified" to Cornelia Gryder.

I, Ted Dotson, do will my seat in the back of American History class to any boy who doesn't hold hands and doesn't stomp cockroaches.

I, Bill Moody, do hereby believe in taking everything with me.

I, Barbara White, do hereby will my ability to "baby sit" to Bob Coffey, so he won't have so much trouble learning later on.

I, Doil Ford, do hereby will my ability to get along with everybody to Doss Keller because he needs it.

I, Roger Hartley, do hereby will my title "Wittiest" to John Moody.

I, Edwin Daye, do hereby will my title "Most Dignified" to Joe White.

I, Earl Holder, do hereby will my title "Best All Around" to Vern Coffey.

I, Caroline Greene, do hereby will my "sweater girl figure" to Ann Reid.

I, Ann Lett, do hereby will my position as secretary-treasurer fo the Senior Class to anyone who has little enough sense to take it.

I, Evelyn Craig, do hereby will my abilities to work on the annual to George Hollars, because he'll certainly need it.

Any beneficiary attempting to interfere with the provisions of this document, shall not only be deprived of all rights and privileges therein granted to him or her, but shall be sentenced to hard labor for one or five years, according to the discretion of the court.

"Class of 1955"

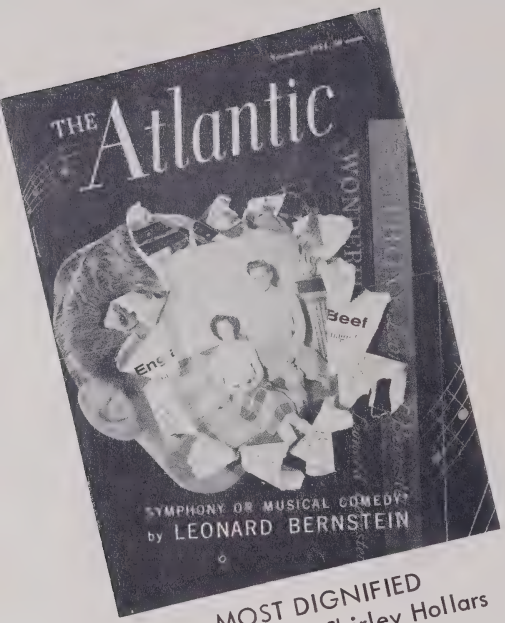
MASCOTS



MICHAEL MILLER



LOIS HOLLARS



MOST DIGNIFIED
Edwin Daye - Shirley Hollars



MOST ATHLETIC
Ted Dotson - Caroline Greene



MOST DEPENDABLE
Edwin Daye - Anne Lett

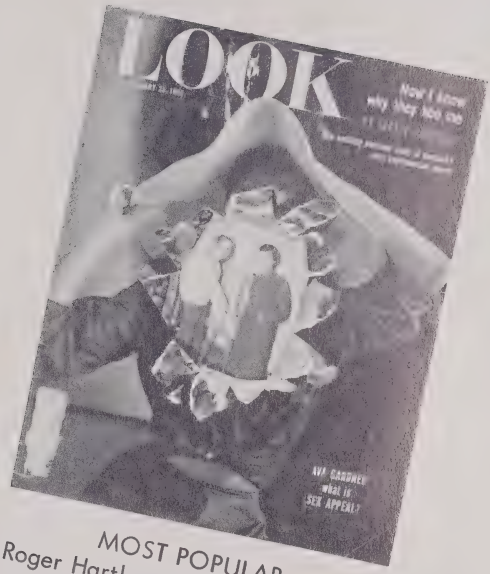


WITTIEST
Roger Hartley - Caroline Greene

SUPERLATIVES



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
Coleen Triplett - Roger Hartley



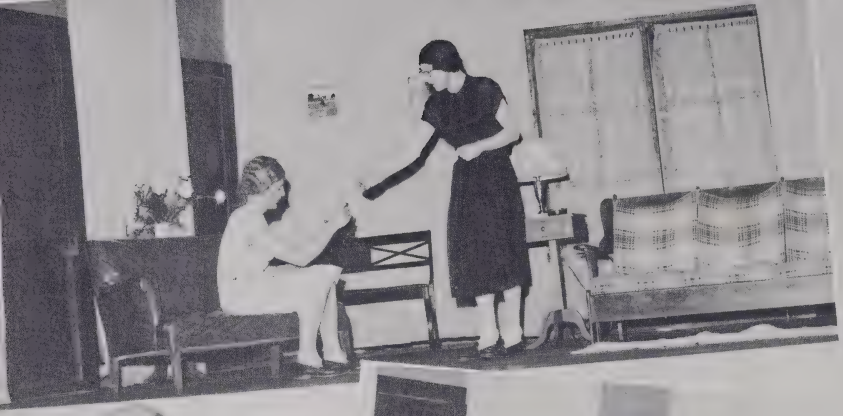
MOST POPULAR
Roger Hartley - Caroline Greene



BEST ALL AROUND
Earl Holder - Anne Lett

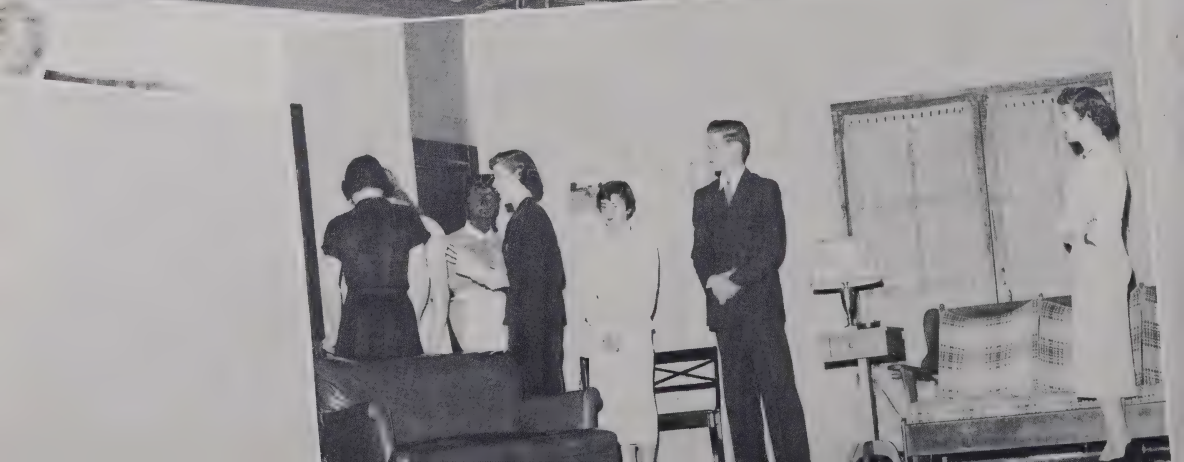


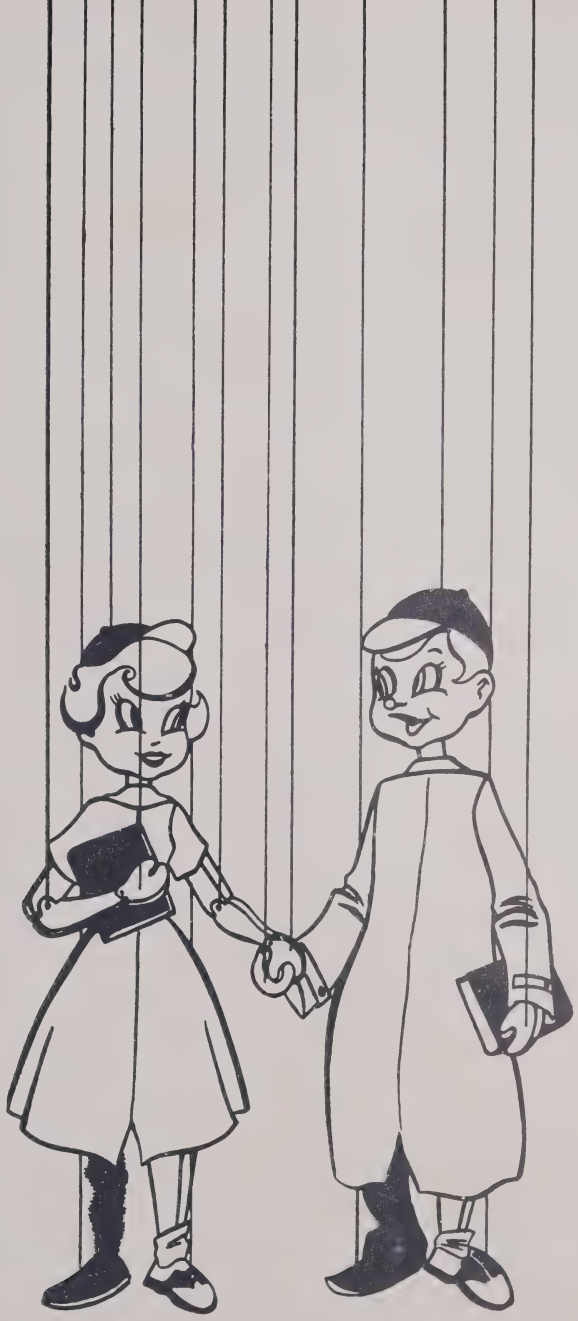
MOST HANDSOME - MOST BEAUTIFUL
Ted Dotson - Evelyn Craig





SENIOR SNAPSHOTS





Underclassmen

JUNIORS



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FRESHMEN



Earl Ford, Vice-President; Linda Bolick, Secretary; Nancy Trivett, Treasurer; Mary Keller, Reporter. Not Shown: Thomas Buxton, President.



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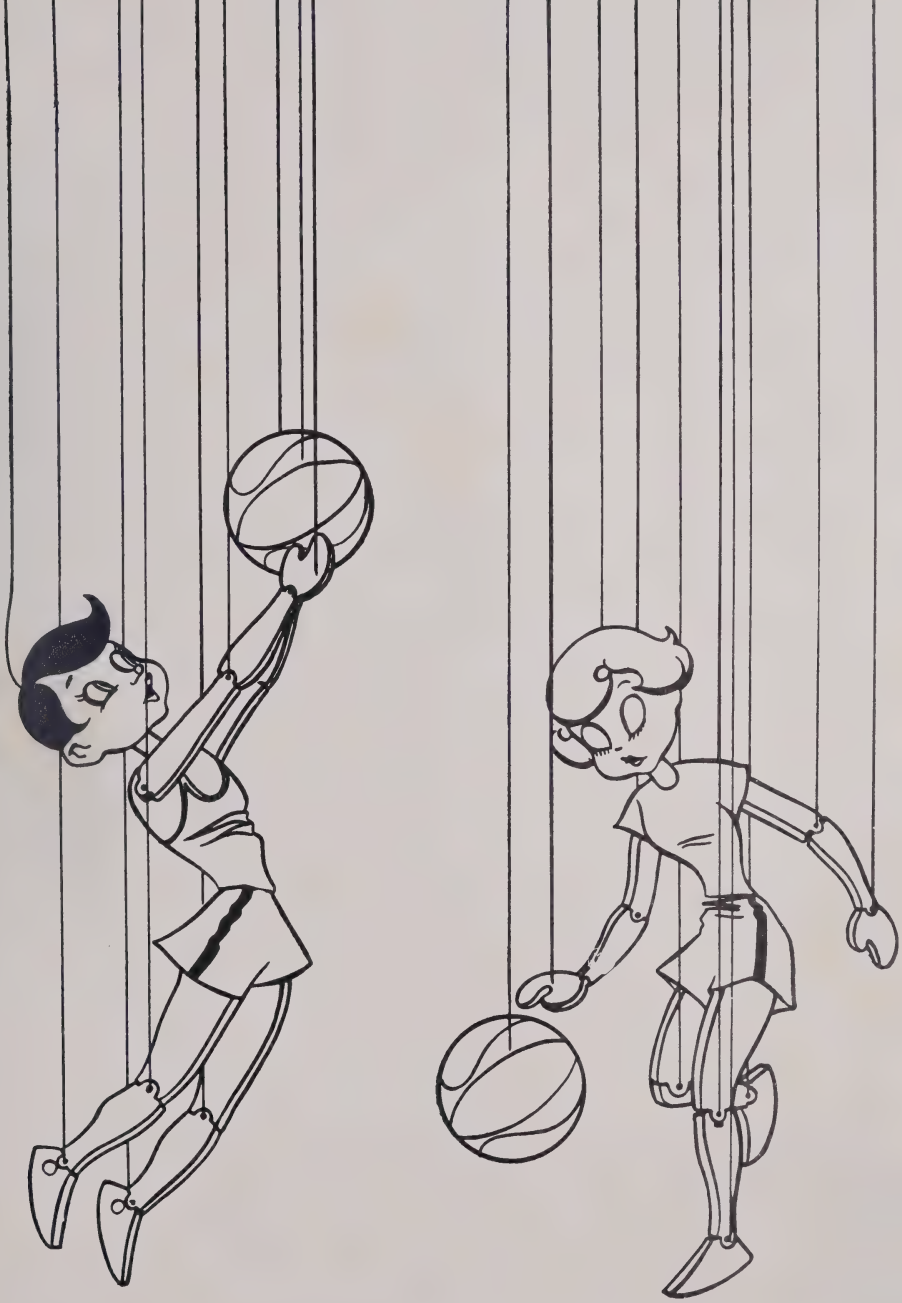
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NANCY TRIVETTE



CHRISTEN COOK
JOE HIGHT
JOE SHAIA



Athletics

GIRLS' BASKETBALL



Left to right: Evelyn Craig, Anne Reid, Virginia Spann, Coleen Triplett, Mary Keller, Joyce Hollars, Mrs. Paul Edmisten, Coach; Anne Lett, Caroline Greene, Cornelia Gryder, Barbara Triplett, Nancy Trivett.

BOYS' BASKETBALL



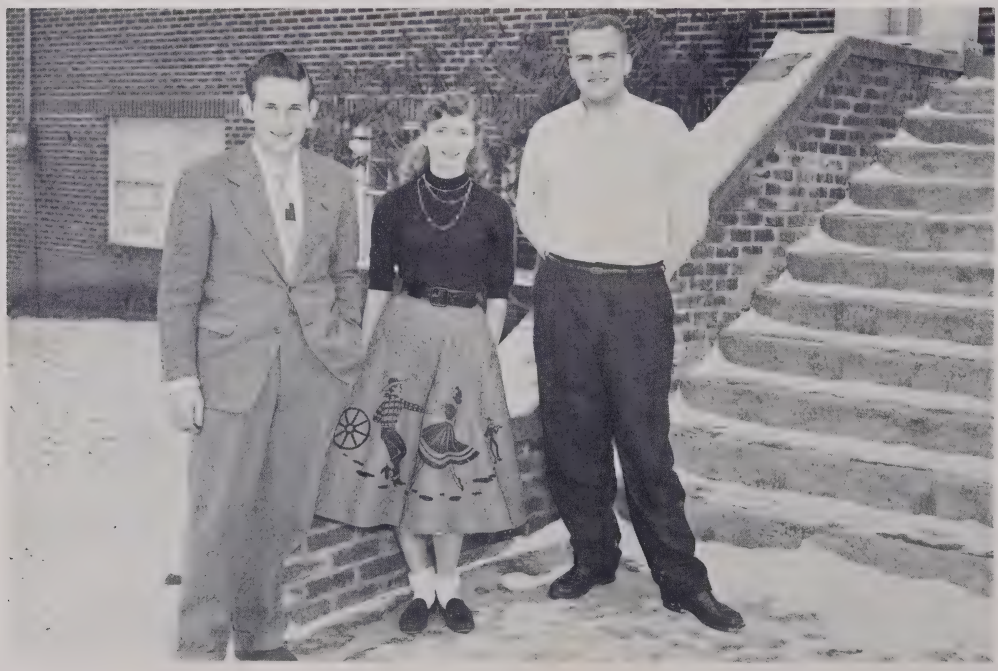
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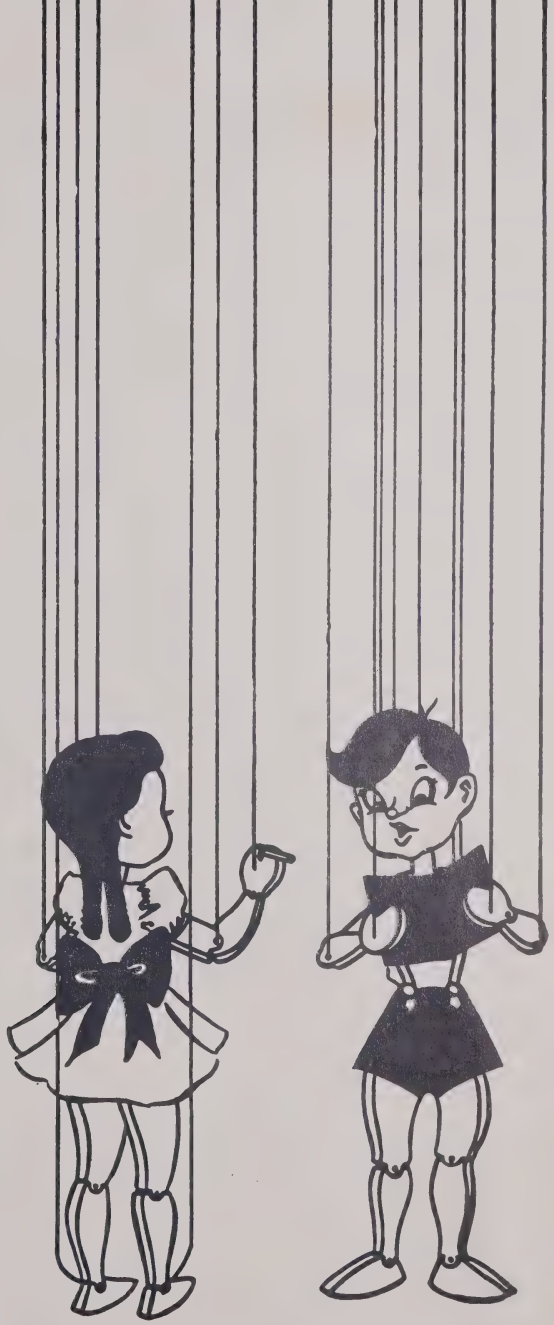
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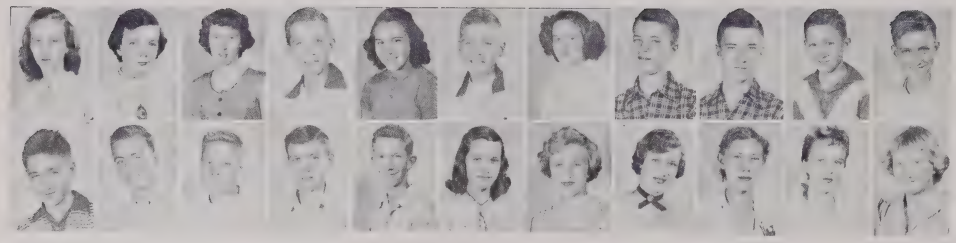


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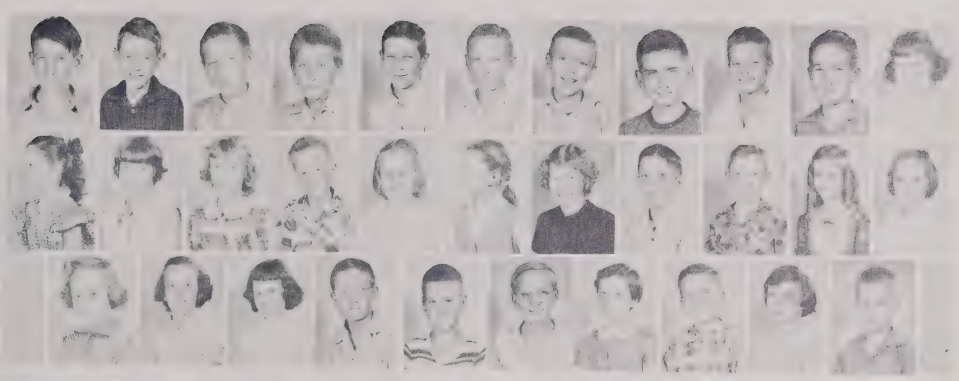
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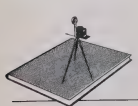
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